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PASS EPA FOR WILLIAM BROWN/DAVE STROTHER

1. DR. ERICKSON OCT. 15 EXAMINED SECTION ON FERRETS IN DRAFT
IMPLEMENTATION REPORT AND SUGGESTED ALTERNATE PHRASING TO REFLECT
PROGRAM CHANGES.

2. ALTERNATE PHRASING AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE: VISITING THE USSR
OCTOBER 12-26, 1975, TWO SPECIALISTS CONFERRED WITH SOVIET
SCIENTISTS AND MUSEUM PERSONNEL REGARDING TAXONOMIC CHARACTER-
ISTICS AND ECOLOGICAL REQUIREMENTS AND DISTRIBUTION OF SIBERIAN
POLECAT (MUSTELA EVERSMANI), AND RECEIVED UP TO 60 SOBERIAN
POLECATS WHICH WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE USA AS A RESEARCH ANALOG
FOR THE ENDANGERED US BLACK-FOOTED FERRET. END QUOTE.

3. ERICKSON, HILLMAN AND PETROFF VISITED EMBASSY OCT. 15,
UPON RETURN FROM LENINGRAD AND BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR VORONEZH.
ERICKSON REPORTED THAT NO AMURENSIS SUBSPECIES FERRETS WILL BE
AVAILABLE TO THEM NOW. KRINITSKY OF MINAG CITES WEATHER CONDITIONS
AS CAUSE (AMURENSIS QUITE DIFFICULT CATCH EXCEPT ON SNOW; DROUGHT
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IN AMUR RIVER REGION HAS REDUCED NUMBERS AMURENSIS IN THE WILD).

SOVIETS HAVE OFFERED CATCH UP TO 20 FEMALE AMURENSIS FERRETS,
THIS WINTER IF POSSIBLE, AND SHIP THEM, TOGETHER WITH ANY MALES
CAPTURED INCIDENTALLY, TO US. COST SHIPMENT MOSCOW TO PATUXENT
TO BE BORNE BY US PART OF WORKING GROUP.

4. ERICKSON AND HILLMAN WILL RETURN TO US OCT. 26 WITH UP
TO 60 FERRETS (OF SUB-SPECIES OTHER THAN AMURENSIS),
INCLUDING ONLY 8-12 FEMALES.
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